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SUBJECT: OAU CONFERENCE AID

1. AF/W DESK OFFICER AND DAO OFFICER MET WITH AID/LIBERIA DIRECTOR AND TECHNICAL STAFF AUGUST 30. USAID ENGINEERS HAVE DISCUSSED REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVING NAVAIDS WITH LOCAL FAA REP AS WELL AS LOCAL TECHNICAL FIRM REPRESENTING SEVERAL U.S. ORIGINAL SUPPLIERS FOR EXISTING EQUIPMENT. BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF FAA REP. NAVAIDS PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE UPGRADING EXISTING ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (RIA) VOR, INSTALLATION OF NEW DME, PROCUREMENT OF SPARE PARTS TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY EXISTING ILS, AND INSTALLATION OF MICROWAVE VOICE LINK BETWEEN RIA AND SPRIGGS PAYNE FIELD IN MONROVIA. DISCUSSIONS SO FAR HAVE BEEN OF VERY PRELIMINARY NATURE AND TO DATE ABOVE PACKAGE HAS NOT BEEN VETTED WITH GOL. USAID ENGINEERS FEEL IT POSSIBLE TO SEEK A PACKAGE PROPOSAL FROM LOCAL FIRM WHICH HAS DONE SIMILAR WORK FOR USAID ON OTHER PROJECTS AND WHICH REPRESENTS POTENTIAL U.S. SUPPLIERS, IN-CLUSING MOTOROLA. PACKAGE MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE, IN ADDITION, DESIGN PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION, TRAINING OF LOCAL OPERATORS IN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE. LOCAL FIRM HEAD PLANS ROUTINE TRIP TO U.S. THIS WEEK AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL USE OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK WITH HIS SUPPLIERS ON AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF EQUIPMENT AND DEVELOP A PRO FORMA PRICE PROPOSAL FOR THE PACKAGE UPON HIS RETURN IN TWO WEEKS. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES INDICATE PACKAGE OF THIS TYPE MIGHT COST IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$400,000. IN VIEW ABOVE, SURVEY TEAM FUNDED AND FIELDED BY AID/W, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, IS NOT RPT NOT

REQUIRED. USAID STAFF FULLY COMPETENT UNDERTAKE TACHNICAL REVIEW AND DESIGN OF PROJECT.

2. DAO MONROVIA FEELS PIPELINE FROM MONROVIA OR FROM QUASI-PORT NEAR RIA IS BEST WAY TO IMPROVE REFUELING CAPACITY, SINCE PRESENT TANKS ARE ONLY PARTIALLY FILLED. TRANSPORT IS CRUCIAL BOTTLENECK. SUGGEST AF/W AND DOD/ISA NOT TO DIRECT FUNDING EFFORTS AT FUEL TANKS EXCLUSIVELY. AID/LIBERIA ENGINEERS WILL PROVIDE INFORMALLY DAO WITH ROUGH FEASIBILITY AND COST ESTIMATES FOR SUBMISSION TO DOD. WALKER

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